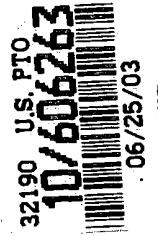


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☒ original patent application,  
☐ continuation-in-part application

INVENTOR(S): **Manish Sharma**

TITLE: **DIRECTIONAL ION ETCHING PROCESS FOR PATTERNING SELF-ALIGNED VIA CONTACTS**

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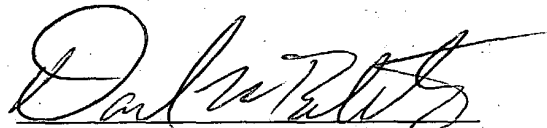
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